## Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee January 8, 2019

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**Voting Members** 

Charles Crerand CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place

Elizabeth Demetra Harris Friendship Heights Village

Christopher Itteilag Somerset House Management Association

John Mertens (Vice Chair) Friendship Heights Village

Manuel Ochoa Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

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Ahkeeia Payne GEICO

**TMD Staff** 

Jim Carlson MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services

**Absent** 

Tiffany Anderson Chevy Chase Land Company

Sandra L. Brecher MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Nakengi Byrd MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services

Barbara Condos (Chair) Town of Somerset

Chief John Fitzgerald Chevy Chase Village Police
Derrick Harrigan B-CC Services Center

Katie Mencarini M-NCPPC

Captain Paul Liquorie MC Police Dist. 2

Guests

Bob Joiner The Agenda News

Julian MansfieldFriendship Heights VillageTom QuinnANC-3 NeighborhoodJeffrey SlavinMayor, Town of SomersetStephanie SmarrChevy Chase Land CompanyDale Stempler4701 Willard Tenants Association

**Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes:** Members and guests introduced themselves.

Meeting minutes for July and September 2018 were approved.

**Item 3** – **The Collection Redevelopment: Stephanie Smarr**, Chevy Chase Land Company, presented an update on redevelopment of The Collection retail store area on the north side of Wisconsin Circle (and directly across from the bus station). The changes include:

- Installation of parking gates (ticket dispensers with arms) at either end of the upper deck of the surface parking lot located closest to the Buffer
- Adjustments and modifications to the tiered plaza area,
- New STOP signs throughout the lower surface parking lot and interior streets,
- Shifting the location for some of the proposed parallel parking spaces,
- Modifications to the water feature and art within Farr Park including additional wayfinding and business directory signage,

- adjustments to the light pole locations to accommodate some of the above-stated changes, and
- consolidation of the entry and exit driveways along the proposed Montgomery Street roundabout for access to the Saks Fifth Avenue property.

The final vision for redevelopment will incorporate a more open, walkable and inviting area that provides a more visually appealing landscape and removes the current wall and other visual barriers along Wisconsin Circle.

**Item 4 – TMD Updates: Jim Carlson** announced upcoming County Executive operating budget forums beginning January 14.

**Mr. Carlson** called attention to a letter to State Highway Administration from Friendship Heights resident **Barbara Tauben**, included in the meeting packet, requesting a review of the placement of a light pole along Wisconsin Avenue. The pole is partially obstructing movement and could pose a problem for physically challenged individuals.

Adjourn: Next meeting date: March 12, 2019